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DEPARTMENT'S NORMAL PRACTICE OF NOT GETTING OUT IN FRONT OF
LATINS AMERICANS ON THEIR CANDIDACIES FOR "LA SEATS" IN
THE UN IS BASED ON STRONG LA FEELINGS THAT THESE
CANDIDACIES ARE MATTER PARTICULARLY WITHIN THEIR OWN
PROVINCE. IF US WERE TO FAVOR A PARTICULAR LA CANDIDATE
FOR SUCH POST BEFORE REGIONAL PREFERENCES WERE KNOWN IT
WOULD BE DEEPLY RESENTED BY LA'S AND MIGHT EVEN PREJUDICE
THE CANDIDACY WE FAVORED. US PRACTICE OF ASCERTAINING
VIEWS OF OTHER LA'S BEFORE DECIDING IS WELL KNOWN TO LA'S,
AND UNDERSTOOD BY THEM. BY SUPPORTING A CANDIDATE BEFORE
REGION HAS MADE CHOICE WE MIGHT WIN SOME FAVOR WITH HIS
GOVERNMENT, BUT WE WOULD ANTAGONIZE THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS
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OF THE REGION.

THEREFORE REFTEL C SUGGESTED FOLLOWING USUAL PRACTICE IN
CASE OF ECUADOREAN CANDIDACY FOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION. HOWEVER, TO INDICATE TO ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT
US INTEREST, FINAL SENTENCE REFTEL C SUGGESTS ASKING
ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT TO KEEP US CURRENTLY INFORMED OF
PROGRESS OF CANDIDACY.

WE HAVE ASKED USUN TO TAKE A READING ON STATUS OF
ECUADOREAN CANDIDACY FOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND
REPORT TO DEPARTMENT REPEATING TO EMBASSY QUITO. ON
BASIS THAT INFO DEPT CAN ASSESS EXTENT OF LA AGREEMENT ON
CANDIDATE AND SEE WHETHER FAVORABLE U.S. DECISION POSSIBLE.
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